

CANADA
NUNAVUT

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, S. Nu. 2016, c. 13

TRAVEL RESTRICTION ORDER #6

WHEREAS:

- A. The Minister of Health has declared a Public Health Emergency in Nunavut effective March 20, 2020 to address the novel coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic, and renewed this declaration effective April 3, 2020, April 17, 2020, May 1, 2020, May 15, 2020, May 29, 2020, and June 12, 2020;
- B. Pursuant to section 41(1) of the *Public Health Act*, the Chief Public Health Officer may take certain actions, including issuing directions or orders for the purposes of protecting the public health and preventing, remedying or mitigating the effects of the public health emergency;
- C. The Government of the Northwest Territories has imposed restrictions on entry into the Northwest Territories pursuant to section 33 of the Northwest Territories *Public Health Act*, S.N.W.T. 2007, c. 17; and
- D. The Government of Canada has imposed restrictions on entry into Canada pursuant to section 58 of the *Quarantine Act*;

THEREFORE, the Chief Public Health Officer hereby orders the following:

- 1. The Travel Restriction Order (#5) effective June 8, 2020 is rescinded and replaced with this Order.

Part 1: Nunavut and Northwest Territories Common Travel Area

- 2. Pursuant to subsection 41 (1) (e) of the Act, the Nunavut and Northwest Territories Common Travel Area is established, consisting of all parts of Canada within the territorial boundaries of Nunavut as set out in the *Nunavut Act* and the Northwest Territories as set out in the *Northwest Territories Act*.
- 3. All persons may travel throughout the Common Travel Area, where:
 - a. They have not been physically present outside the Common Travel Area in the fourteen (14) days prior to travel;

- b. They have completed any mandatory self-isolation protocol required by an order of the Chief Public Health Officer in Nunavut or the Northwest Territories; and
 - c. They stay within the boundaries of the Common Travel Area for the duration of travel.
- 4. All persons seeking to travel from the Northwest Territories to Nunavut must contact the Office of the Chief Public Health Officer for Nunavut and provide:
 - a. Contact information, such as an address and phone number, at the person's regular place of residence;
 - b. Contact information, such as an address and phone number where the person can be reached while in Nunavut; and
 - c. A written declaration containing the information set out in Appendix "A" to this Order.
- 5. All persons must produce proof of authorization to travel from the Office of the Chief Public Health Officer prior to travelling to Nunavut.
- 6. All persons seeking to travel to the Northwest Territories from Nunavut must comply with any Orders issued by the Chief Public Health Officer of the Northwest Territories while they are present in the Northwest Territories.
- 7. All persons who leave the Common Travel Area are subject to the isolation requirements set out in Part 2 of this Order.

Part 2: All Other Travel to Nunavut

- 8. Pursuant to subsection 41(1)(e) of the Act, all travel to Nunavut that originated from across any inter-jurisdictional border other than the boundary between Nunavut and the Northwest Territories is hereby prohibited with the following exceptions:
 - a. Nunavut residents returning to Nunavut bearing a letter of authorization from the Chief Public Health Officer in accordance with paragraph 9;
 - b. Nunavut residents returning to Nunavut from medical travel and any Nunavut residents serving as medical travel escorts, subject to the direction and authorization of the Chief Public Health Officer in accordance with paragraph 9;

- c. Non-residents entering Nunavut for the purposes of commencing a contract of employment bearing a letter of authorization from the Chief Public Health Officer in accordance with paragraph 9;
- d. Non-residents entering Nunavut for the purposes of family reunification bearing a letter of authorization from the Chief Public Health Officer in accordance with paragraph 9;
- e. Persons providing services in the course of importation/exportation of goods and other supply chain workers, including those persons who are necessary to maintain supply chain transportation services;
- f. Flight crews working on any flights arriving in Nunavut, including medical evacuation flights;
- g. Marine vessel crews working on vessels engaged in the annual marine resupply (sealift), subject to any specific directions and orders of the Chief Public Health Officer;
- h. Persons engaged in providing critical services;
- i. Persons engaged in providing support services to critical services workers;
- j. Nunavut Inuit exercising their rights as set out in Article 5 of the *Nunavut Agreement* and who exercise the right to harvest outside of Nunavut may travel back to their place of residence in Nunavut if they have not travelled to a community or populated area outside the Common Travel Area. If the person has traveled to a community or populated area outside of the Common Travel Area, they shall not travel within Nunavut unless they do so in accordance with paragraph 9(a) of this order;
- k. A person from the Northwest Territories, who has an Aboriginal or treaty right in an area of Nunavut while exercising that right within Nunavut may travel back to their place of residence in the Northwest Territories if they have not travelled to a community or populated area outside the Common Travel Area.

- l. A person from outside of Nunavut or the Northwest Territories, who has an Aboriginal or treaty right to harvest in an area of Nunavut while exercising that right within Nunavut. Those persons may continue to exercise those rights but shall not travel to a community or populated area of Nunavut;
- m. Transient workers in operating mines who enter Nunavut on private flights operating directly to and from the mine site; transient workers must remain at the mine site and shall not enter any community or populated area of Nunavut;
- n. Persons engaged in the construction of critical infrastructure projects, subject to specific directions and orders of the Chief Public Health Officer;
- o. Persons being transported to a correctional facility in Nunavut, along with those persons engaged in the transportation or escort to a correctional facility in Nunavut;
- p. Persons being transported to or from a hospital or health facility outside Nunavut pursuant to an order under the *Mental Health Act* or the *Public Health Act*, including patients and those persons who are required to travel with those patients;
- q. Members of the Canadian Armed Forces and civilian employees posted to the Canadian Forces Stations in Alert and Eureka who enter Nunavut on military flights operating directly to and from the stations; these individuals must remain at their assigned station and shall not enter any community or populated area of Nunavut;
- r. Any foreign national, including a Temporary Foreign Worker entitled to enter Canada pursuant to the Federal Orders-in-Council 2020-0184 or 2020-0370, with an urgent and substantial need to enter Nunavut bearing a letter of authorization from the Chief Public Health Officer;
- s. Any Person, including flight and vessel crewmembers who enter Canada at a fixed or temporary Port of Entry in Nunavut who is permitted to enter Canada pursuant to Federal Orders-in-Council 2020-0184 or 2020-0370; and

- t. Any other Person with an urgent and substantial need to enter Nunavut bearing a letter of authorization from the Chief Public Health Officer;
9. Pursuant to subsection 41(1)(g) of the Act and in order to decrease or eliminate the risk to the public health in relation to novel coronavirus COVID-19, persons within Nunavut are subject to the following restrictions, as specifically set out below:
- a. Prior to returning to Nunavut, all persons listed in paragraphs 8 (a), (c), (d), (n), (r), (s), and (t) must complete a minimum fourteen-day isolation period, either voluntarily or subject to an order by an official having jurisdiction, at a place designated by the Chief Public Health Officer in Ottawa Ontario, Winnipeg Manitoba, or Edmonton Alberta. Upon completion of the isolation period, the Chief Public Health Officer will issue these persons with a clearance letter authorizing them to return to Nunavut.
 - b. Prior to returning to Nunavut, all persons listed in paragraph 8 (b) must complete a minimum fourteen-day isolation period at a place designated by the Chief Public Health Officer, either prior to returning to Nunavut or immediately upon their return, subject to the direction of the Chief Public Health Officer.
 - c. All persons listed in paragraphs 8 (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (o), (p) and (q) are exempt from the fourteen-day isolation period.
 - d. The Members of Parliament and Senators representing Nunavut and the Northwest Territories are exempt from the fourteen-day isolation period.
 - e. All persons seeking to travel to Nunavut, including Nunavut residents, must advise the Office of the Chief Public Health Officer if they have been outside of Canada at any time during the fourteen (14) days prior to their anticipated return to Nunavut, and demonstrate proof of compliance with any applicable quarantine and isolation orders issued under the *Quarantine Act*.

- f. The Chief Public Health Officer may issue certificates of authorization to individuals who can demonstrate that they have completed a fourteen-day isolation period. These residents do not have to complete the isolation period set out in paragraph 8 (a).
- g. The isolation periods in paragraphs 9 (a) and (b) may be extended to accommodate air carrier schedules and flight cancellations. This extension period shall not exceed six (6) days.
- h. Persons listed in paragraphs 8 (o) and (p) must return to Nunavut on charter flights arranged by the Government of Nunavut or the Government of Canada. These persons may be subject to isolation in a secure location upon their return to Nunavut.
- i. All persons who are exempt from the isolation period set out in paragraph 9 (a) shall abide by social distancing guidelines established by the Chief Public Health Officer. These persons shall also self-monitor and contact a Medical Health Officer if they exhibit any symptoms of novel coronavirus COVID-19.
- j. All persons who are exempt from the isolation period set out in paragraph 9 (a) must self-monitor and contact a Medical Health Officer immediately to undergo a risk assessment.
- k. Prior to entering Nunavut, all persons who travelled outside of Canada at any time in the fourteen days prior to entering Nunavut must produce proof of compliance with any applicable quarantine and isolation orders issued under the *Quarantine Act*.
- l. Upon entering Nunavut, persons listed in paragraph 8 (s) must report to the Office of the Chief Public Health Officer within one (1) hour of arrival and shall not leave the airport or Port of Entry until directed by the Chief Public Health Officer.
- m. Persons entering Nunavut from outside Canada must enter at the Iqaluit International Airport or to fixed or designated Ports of Entry.
- n. Persons travelling on flights to Nunavut which must divert due to weather or mechanical reasons may continue travelling to Nunavut provided that the diversion lasts no longer than ninety (90) minutes

and the persons remain onboard the aircraft or within the air terminal building at the diversion airport. If the diversion exceeds ninety (90) minutes, the flight must return to its departure point.

10. Persons exempted in paragraphs 9 (c) and (d) shall comply with all recommendations and directions provided by Medical Health Officers.
11. Nothing in this Order shall affect parents and their children from exercising their custody and access rights, except:
 - a. As ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction; or
 - b. Where parent or the child is subject to a mandatory isolation order issued by an official having jurisdiction.
12. Pursuant to subsection 41(1)(f) of the *Public Health Act*, members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, municipal by-law enforcement officers, sheriffs appointed pursuant to the *Judicature Act*, the Chief Environmental Protection Officer and Inspectors appointed pursuant to the *Environmental Protection Act*, and Conservation Officers appointed pursuant to the *Wildlife Act* are authorized to implement this order, including entering any premises other than a dwelling without a warrant.
13. Pursuant to subsection 41(4) of the *Public Health Act*, the peace officers listed in paragraph 12 may not enter a dwelling without a warrant unless the occupant or person in charge of the dwelling consents.
14. Failure to comply with this Order may be considered a breach of this Order issued under the *Public Health Act* and may result in penalties under the Act, which may include:
 - a. A \$575 fine for individuals; and
 - b. A \$2875 fine for corporations.
15. Providing false or misleading statements to the Chief Public Health Officer for the purposes of entering Nunavut or circumventing mandatory isolation constitutes a breach of this Order.

16. The Chief Public Health Officer may contact the Office of the Chief Public Health Officer for the Northwest Territories to confirm a traveller's compliance with paragraph 3 of this Order.

This order is effective at 12:01 am Eastern Time Tuesday, June 16, 2020 and remains in effect for the duration of the Public Health Emergency, unless otherwise rescinded.



Dr. Michael Patterson

Chief Public Health Officer

Appendix “A”

Nunavut and Northwest Territories Common Travel Area

Traveller’s Declaration

Background

1. The Chief Public Health Officers of Nunavut and the Northwest Territories have issued orders establishing a Common Travel Area. This allows unrestricted travel between Nunavut and the Northwest Territories for anyone who has not travelled outside Nunavut or the Northwest Territories in the fourteen (14) days prior to travel and who have completed any mandatory self-isolation ordered by the Chief Public Health Officer of Nunavut or the Northwest Territories.
2. Travellers who do not leave the Common Travel Area do not have to isolate prior to their return home.
3. If you leave the Common Travel Area at any time you will have to isolate at a designated facility prior to returning home.
4. All Travellers intending to travel to Nunavut must complete this declaration and submit it to CPHOTravelrequests@gov.nu.ca in order to receive a letter of authorization permitting travel and present it to the air carrier upon check-in for verification.
5. A parent or guardian may complete the declaration on behalf of their minor children.
6. Making a false declaration is a breach of the Travel Restriction Order.

Declaration of Traveller

1. I, _____ intend to travel to _____
(community) on _____ (date).
2. I have been physically present within the boundaries of Nunavut or the Northwest Territories for the past fourteen (14) days.
3. I will not leave Nunavut or the Northwest Territories during my trip.
4. I acknowledge that if I leave Nunavut or the Northwest Territories at any time during my trip, I will have to isolate at a designated facility for at least fourteen (14) days before I can return to Nunavut or the Northwest Territories.
5. I consent to the collection of the Contact Tracing Information set out below.

Contact Tracing Information

The following information is collected pursuant to section 17 (1) of the *Public Health Act* and will be used to contact the Traveller in the event of an outbreak of novel coronavirus COVID-19, or where the Chief Public Health Officer has reasonable grounds to believe that the Traveller may have been exposed to novel coronavirus COVID-19. This information may be shared with the Chief Public Health Officer of the Northwest Territories.

Traveller's Permanent Address: _____

Traveller's Address in Nunavut: _____

(The name and community of the Traveller's tourist accommodation is acceptable)

Traveller's Phone Number(s): _____

Traveller's E-Mail Address (optional): _____

I make this declaration on _____ (date) at _____ (community).

Print Traveller's Name

Traveller's Signature

Privacy Notice

The information on this form is personal information and is protected by the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and the *Public Health Act*. If you have questions about how the Government of Nunavut collects, uses, and discloses personal information, contact the Office of the Chief Public Health Officer or the Territorial ATIPP Office at atipp@gov.nu.ca.